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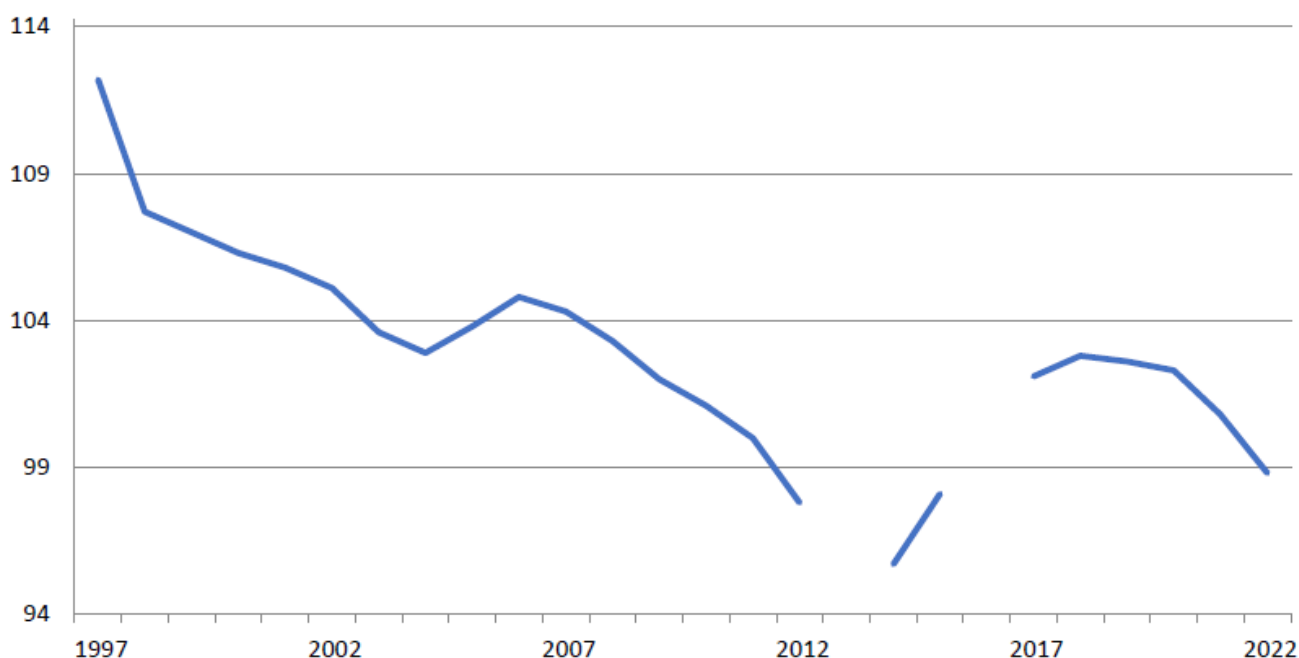
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## United states cattle inventory down 2 percent

WASHINGTON, July 23, 2022 – There were 98.8 million head of cattle and calves on U.S. farms as of July 1, 2022, according to the Cattle report published today by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).

### Cattle Inventory – United States: July 1

Million head



The July 2013 and 2016 Cattle reports were not conducted due to reduced funding.

Other key findings in the report were:

- Of the 98.8 million head inventory, all cows and heifers that have calved totaled 39.8 million.
- There are 30.4 million beef cows in the United States as of July 1, 2022, down 2% from last year.
- The number of milk cows in the United States decreased to 9.45 million.
- U.S. calf crop was estimated at 34.6 million head, down 1% from 2021.
- All cattle on feed were at 13.4 million head, unchanged from 2021.

To obtain an accurate measurement of the current state of the U.S. cattle industry, NASS surveyed approximately 15,400 operators across the nation during the first half of July. Surveyed producers were asked to report their cattle inventories as of July 1, 2022, and calf crop for the entire year of 2022 by internet, mail, or telephone.

There will be a question and answer session during a live #StatChat on the [@usda\\_nass](#) Twitter account today at 4 p.m. EST to answer questions about the Cattle report. To ask questions, make sure to include #StatChat to any question you have. The #StatChat is hosted bi-annually after each Cattle report is released.

The Cattle report and all other NASS reports are available online at [nass.usda.gov/Publications](https://nass.usda.gov/Publications).

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